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As you know, I have now taken over from General Vandenberg as the Director of Central Intelligence and, realizing the importance and the necessity for retaining your assistance, I bespeak your continued guidance and hope that I may feel free to call on you at any time for advice both regarding the internal and external affairs of this agency. While the natural summer let-down in all activities will probably preclude the Board of Consultants getting together as a body, if anything does come up, may I call upon you?

At the present time I am in the thick of things, as you can well imagine, but I trust that I shall see you personally in the very near future. When you come to Washington and can spare the time, I hope that you will be kind enough to contact me as I should very much like to have the opportunity of talking to you.

In the meantime, with very best wishes, believe me,

Sincerely,

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